



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MEDIA ALERT

For Immediate Release
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Crews to Work Overnight Thursday

NORTHSIDE DRIVE HOV EXIT TO GET PAVEMENT MARKING UPGRADES

WHEN: 9 p.m. Thursday, April 16 until 5 a.m., Friday April 17, weather permitting.

WHERE: I-75 southbound HOV lane from north of Howell Mill Road to Northside Drive and the I-75 HOV ramp to Northside Drive (left side)

WHAT: Crews will install new striping, pavement markers, advanced warning pavement markings and pavement interstate shields to the HOV lane and the ramp. This work will require the HOV lane from north of Howell Mill Road to Northside Drive and the I-75 HOV ramp to Northside Drive to be closed throughout the night. The general purpose ramp (right side) from I-75 to Northside Drive will remain open for the duration of the work. The HOV lane and the HOV ramp will be reopened by 5 a.m. on Friday. **Motorists can expect minimal delays during this overnight closure.**

ATTENTION MEDIA: If you send a crew to this location, you will need to park inside the loop ramp from Northside Drive to I-75 southbound on the west side of the interstate. You will not be permitted to park on the interstate or on the HOV ramp. Please contact Mark McKinnon at the number above if you need sound or if you would like to be escorted into the work area. No one will be permitted in the work area without a GDOT Communications escort.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR TV: GA NaviGator Camera 24 will be trained on the work for the duration and will be available for streaming video.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that

provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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